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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2009 in the above-referenced patent application. Allowance of the pending claims in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.

Remarks begin on Page 9.